



Press Release

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On Saturday, May 26th 2012, Deputy Sheriff Randy Woodruff responded to 25 Freedom Road in Painesville Township (Project Hope) at 5:52 pm to investigate an assault complaint. It was reported that one of the female employees, upon arriving for work, was grabbed by an unknown male. The female employee was able to free herself of the male and get to her vehicle to call for assistance.

Upon arrival Deputy Woodruff was confronted by a male, later identified as Billy Rae Bramer, who swore repeatedly at the Deputy, telling him to leave the premises because he had no right to be there. Bramer screamed that he was not going to jail, and that Deputy Woodruff had killed his cousin. As the deputy ordered Bramer to sit on the ground Bramer continued to ramble aimlessly and then began to flee the area. Deputy Woodruff pursued Bramer while calling for back-up. As the deputy caught up to Bramer the suspect kicked him in the knee and began to fight.

While the deputy was fighting off the suspect he called for back-up. Sgt. Donald Durst was responding with his lights and siren activated. As Sgt. Durst was responding down Stage Avenue, and vehicles were pulling over to let him by, he came upon a pick-up truck driven by Jorge Llamas of 187 Stage Avenue. Rather than stopping for the emergency vehicle Llamas made a left hand turn in front of Sgt. Durst. Sgt. Durst was unable to stop and collided with the pick-up truck driven by Mr. Llamas. Both Sgt. Durst and Mr. Llamas were transported from scene of the accident to Tri-Point hospital where they were both treated and released.

Deputy Woodruff, who was fighting with Billy Rae Bramer at Project Hope, a shelter for the homeless, attempted to deploy his taser to stop the assault. When the taser deployment was not successful Deputy Woodruff wrestled Bramer to the ground. Painesville City police were called for assistance due to the fact that Sgt. Durst, the only Deputy available for back-up, was in an accident and unavailable to assist. Painesville Police units arrived and helped Deputy Woodruff secure Bramer and place him under arrest.

Billy Rae Bramer was arrested for assaulting both the deputy and female worker of Project Hope. He was also charged with disorderly conduct and other related charges, and booked into the Lake County jail. Bramer's address has still

not yet been identified as of this date.

Deputy Woodruff was later treated and released from Tri-Point hospital for injuries to his hand during the assault.

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